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FOR UNDERSECRETARY MAW FROM MR. VEST.CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: AGDS - DEC. 31, 76

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

1. PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING YOUR DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON IS PUBLICATION (FEBRUARY 1) OF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ACCURATELY SUMMARIZING SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SENATOR SPARKMAN. POST ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS EXTENSIVE LOBBYING EFFORTS BY U.S. DEFENSE INDUSTRIES WHICH FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS WITH MANUFACTURING CONSTITUENCIES. INDUSTRY CONCERNS REPORTEDLY ARE NOT LIMITED TO AGENT FEE ISSUE BUT EXTEND TO POSSIBLE OVERALL INHIBITING EFFECT OF BILL AS THIS WOULD IMPACT ON SALES AND HENCE U.S. ECONOMY.

2. DOD IS CONTINUING TO CHECK ALLEGED DISCREPANCY IN ISRAEL FMS ACCOUNT FIGURES. POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT ACCOUNTING REVISIONS COULD REDUCE PRESSURES FOR LARGE TRANSFERS.
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TIONAL QUARTER INCREASE IN ISRAEL FMS.

3. HOUSE MARKUP RESUMES 10:00 AM TUESDAY AND WILL CONTINUE AT SAME TIME THROUGH REMAINDER OF WEEK.

4. AN SFRC STAFFER HAS INFORMED US THAT COMMITTEE INTENDS TO BRING HUMPHREY BILL TO THE FLOOR BY THURSDAY WITH THE HOPE OF PASSING IT FRIDAY. INGERSOLL

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